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TWO CENTS.

## CYMRIC IS A TOTAL LOSS

### Vessel Which Was Torpedoed Early Monday Sank at 3 This Morning

### FIVE OF CREW WERE KILLED BY EXPLOSION

About 100 on Board Were Rescued—  
No Americans Involved, But the  
State Department Is Interested to  
Know Status of Ship.

LONDON, May 9.—Lloyd's reports that the White Star liner Cymric sank at 3 o'clock this morning. All on board were saved.

Cabled despatches yesterday said the 13,000 ton steamship Cymric had been torpedoed by a German submarine off the British coast at 4 p. m. Monday. The Cymric left New York April 29 with a large cargo of war munitions for Liverpool. She had been in service as a freighter several weeks and carried no passengers. Her crew numbered about 100 men, none of whom so far as is known at the White Star offices in New York, are Americans.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—In reporting the torpedoing of the White Star liner, Cymric, to the state department today American Consul Frost at Queenstown said the vessel sank at 3 o'clock this morning. Five of her crew of 105 were killed by the explosion, the consul reported.

The Cymric was torpedoed at 4 p. m. Monday 138 miles west of Fastnet, according to Consul Frost. He said it appeared that the attack was made without warning. The survivors, he reported, will land about noon today at Bantry.

Although the Cymric had no Americans or passengers aboard and was carrying munitions, the state department is interested to know her exact status, and whether in her service in the British government she had been divested of her rights as a peaceful merchant ship. Consul Frost at Queenstown has informed the department he is investigating and his report is being awaited.

## GREAT LAKE STEAMER LOST DURING STORM

It Is Believed That the Crew of Twenty Men on the S. R. Kirby Lost Their Lives.

SAULT STE MARIE, Mich., May 9.—The steamer S. R. Kirby, owned by the Northwestern Transportation company of Detroit, was lost off Eagle Harbor, Lake Superior, yesterday during a terrific storm, according to a report received here this forenoon. The steamer carried a crew of 20 men and it is believed they were drowned.

### BOMBS ON PORT SAID.

Three Civilians Wounded But Property Was Not Damaged.

LONDON, May 9.—A Reuter despatch from Cairo says that two hostile aeroplanes dropped eight bombs on Port Said Monday morning. Three civilians were wounded. They were driven off by the fire from the anti-aircraft guns. There was no property damage.

Oregon spruce is used in making aeroplanes.

### In Odd Fellows' Temple

Tuesday, May 9, 7:30 p. m.—Regular meeting of Dennis Rebekah lodge. The Rebekah degree will be conferred and refreshments will be served.

### NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the Vermont State Nurses' Association will be held at Burlington, Vermont, May 9 at 3 p. m. Following the business meeting and supper at five, there will be at 7 o'clock, moving pictures on Public Health Nursing, the place of meeting being at the Roof Garden, Hotel Vermont.

## Safety First Quality Next

in the Shop of Sanitation  
The Brooks House Sanitary  
Barber Shop  
5 EXPERT WORKMEN  
and Some Shine Artist

## EIGHT AMERICANS TAKEN PRISONERS

One Report States They Have Escaped to the Border, Bringing Three Mexicans with Them.

MARATHON, Texas, May 9.—Seven American employees at a mine near Boquillas, on the Mexican side, and Dr. Homer Powers of San Antonio, Texas, are captives in the hands of the Villa bandits that raided Glen Springs and Boquillas. The eight Americans were taken into the interior of Coahuila, but whether they were killed or are being held for ransom is not known.

EL PASO, Texas, May 9.—A private message received here today says the seven American employees of the mine near Boquillas, Mexico, who were captured by Mexican bandit raiders, overpowered their guards and have escaped to the border, bringing three of the Mexicans with them as prisoners.

## LIGHTNING MAKES WRECK OF A HOUSE

Two Bolts Play Queer Pranks at G. L. Colburn's Home in Mt. Holly During Heavy Storm.

MOUNT HOLLY, May 9.—During the first electrical storm of the season here about 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon lightning played queer pranks and did hundreds of dollars' damage at the home of G. L. Colburn, two bolts striking the house, Mrs. Colburn and her guest, Mrs. A. W. Cook, also Allen Burton, who were in the house, escaped injury though all were severely stunned.

The first bolt entered the top of the chimney and made its appearance in a chamber by leaving the stovepipe at 3 feet. From the chamber the bolt passed downward to the living room where it demolished a gasoline lamp which stood on a table, tore rugs and carpets into shreds and splintered the floor, leaving the room by way of the telephone wires which were broken by the current.

The second, and most severe, bolt struck a tree west of the Colburn home and jumped to the house, completely tearing away the north wall corner of the building. The bolt followed a cross sill in the cellar for about 10 feet when it divided and tore up carpets and floors in two bedrooms on the first floor.

In one of the sleeping rooms a bedstead and bureau were broken, a base board torn away from the wall, the paper on the ceiling stripped off and in some places the lath and plaster torn away. The lightning passed from the bed rooms to the parlor where a strip of carpet was stripped off the floor and articles of furniture thrown about the room. One of the sills of the house was shattered and four or five of the floor timbers were broken. The bolt left the house at the same corner it entered. Mrs. Colburn and guests were in the living room a few moments before the house was struck and were in the kitchen when the first bolt entered the house. They were going to the dining room to learn the extent of the damage and had just entered the room when the second bolt struck the house.

## DID NOT DEMAND TROOPS' WITHDRAWAL

Mexican Ambassador Also Says Troops Were Not Disposed to Threaten Pershing's Line.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—After an early conference with Secretary Lansing today Elicio Arrando, Gen. Carranza's ambassador, said he had told the secretary there is not a bit of truth in the reports from the border that Gen. Carranza had demanded the withdrawal of the American troops. The ambassador denied also that the Mexican troops had been disposed during the El Paso conference so as to threaten Gen. Pershing's line of communication. Mr. Arrando asks that increased vigilance be exercised by American border authorities against the activities of the enemies of both countries, who, he said, were seeking to force them into war by their border raids.

The de facto government, Mr. Arrando said, has official and accurate information that the attack on Glen Springs was organized in the United States.

## BOMB PLOTTERS SENT TO PRISON

Robert Fay, Former German Lieutenant, and His Brother-in-Law Sentenced Today.

NEW YORK, May 9.—Robert Fay, former lieutenant in the German army, and his brother-in-law, Walter Scholz, convicted in the federal court yesterday of conspiracy to destroy munitions ships of the allies through bomb contrivances, were today sentenced to serve four years each in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta. Paul Daech, also convicted, but with recommendation of leniency, was sentenced to serve two years.

### TRENCHES CAPTURED.

Germans Report Successes South of Haucourt on Verdun Front.

BERLIN, May 9, via London.—The capture of several French trenches on the Verdun front south of Haucourt was announced by the war office today.

## WILSON CALLS OUT MILITIA

### National Guard of Three Border States to Assist Regular Soldiers

### MORE REGULARS WILL ALSO BE USED

The Militia of Texas, Arizona and New Mexico Will Make Available About 4,000 Men—To Have Complete Security from Raids.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—President Wilson has called out the militia of Arizona, Texas and New Mexico to deal with the border situation. Secretary Baker today issued the following statement regarding the use of the militia.

"The outbreak in the Big Bend district of the Rio Grande has so far further emphasized the danger of similar occurrences along our long border that the President has called out the militia of Arizona, Texas and New Mexico and directed them to report to Gen. Funston, who will assign them to stations along the border for patrol duty.

"In addition to that two additional regiments of regular infantry have been directed to proceed to the border and such further arrangements will be made as are necessary for the complete security of the people of the United States against raids of this character."

Secretary Baker said the militia of the three border states would make available about 4,000 men. In addition three regiments of regular infantry were today ordered to the border. These regiments were the Thirtieth infantry at Plattsburg, N. Y., the Third infantry at Madison Barracks, divided between Watertown and Oswego, N. Y., and troops from the barracks in the state of Washington.

### REINFORCEMENTS STARTED.

Troopers of the Fourteenth Cavalry on Way to Border.

MARATHON, Texas, May 9.—One hundred and twenty cavalrymen of the 14th cavalry and a machine gun troop started toward the Mexican border just before sunrise this morning. This new force of American cavalrymen planned to reinforce the two troops of cavalry that moved forward yesterday from the new army base here to Glen Springs, which was raided by a large band of Villa followers Friday.

The two troops that went southward today were under the command of Col. Sihler, who will be in charge of all the American forces now moving on Glen Springs and Boquillas. These forces will augment the scattered detachments of cavalrymen who have been guarding the long border line. Officials do not believe any punitive expedition will be sent into Mexico.

### TO CALL NO MORE TROOPS.

Secretary Baker Makes Announcement After Cabinet Conference.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—After a brief cabinet meeting today at which the Mexican situation was very thoroughly discussed, Secretary Baker announced that no more movements of the militia or regular troops to the border was in contemplation.

### BACK TO SAN ANTONIO.

Gen. Funston to Leave El Paso on Account of President's Call.

EL PASO, Texas, May 9.—On receipt of news that President Wilson had ordered out the border state militia Gen. Funston announced that he would immediately return to his headquarters at San Antonio.

### ATTACK WAS REPULSED.

French War Office States Germans Were Held in Check at Verdun.

PARIS, May 9.—After a violent bombardment of the French positions on Hill No. 304 on the Verdun front the Germans attempted an advance at 3 o'clock this morning. The war office announced this afternoon that the attack was repulsed. A French counter attack east of the Meuse drove the Germans from certain positions they had captured.

### FUNSTON UNCERTAIN.

Not Prepared to Predict What American Soldiers Will Do.

EL PASO, Texas, May 9.—Without considering the negotiations between Maj. Gen. Scott and Gen. Obregon, Maj. Gen. Funston continued today to direct military operations in Big Bend district of Texas. How far the operations will be carried was not generally known and there was reason to believe that Gen. Funston was unprepared to predict what the American troops would be doing or where they would be a week from now.

## WOMEN GUESTS OF COMMERCE CHAMBER

Judge Bosworth of Springfield, Mass., Gives Address at Bellows Falls Get-Together Meeting.

(Special to The Reformer.)

BELLOWS FALLS, May 9.—About 100 persons attended the May "Get Together" meeting of the chamber of commerce in the Armory last evening. It was one of the most successful of the organization has held in the year and a half of its existence, and its success was due in no small part to the fact that the members had women as guests. The Woman's Relief corps served an excellent supper and at the close numbers were rendered by a double quartet of male voices and an address was given by Judge Henry Bosworth of Springfield, Mass., judge of the police court of that city and a director of the Boston & Maine Railroad company.

President F. H. Ballitt presided and spoke of the part Bellows Falls and other towns in Vermont were to take in the mobilization of the 1st Vermont regiment at Northfield May 20. He said that this military action would be watched with interest throughout the country as it is the first time anything of the kind has been attempted with a state militia. He spoke of the Clean-Up week campaign, which started Monday morning, and said that it was to be regretted that the village corporation was not co-operating with the committee in respect away rubbish and its men to help the committees in their work.

He suggested that when the proposed new by-laws are presented to the voters something be incorporated in them whereby the trustees will know that the citizens are back of them when ordering such action on the part of the street department. He said that in Redford the city department help in the Clean-Up week work and in several western states the governors and legislatures have made such action legal. He called special attention to the meeting of the Greater Vermont association, which will be held in Montpelier July 12.

Principal A. E. Tuttle of the high school was introduced as toastmaster. The first speaker was C. W. Oswood, general chairman of the Clean-Up week committee, who spoke briefly on the work being done by them.

The speaker of the evening was Judge Bosworth. He proved to be an eloquent speaker and dealt mainly with the railway and urged co-operation on the part of the people and said that in the general plan of preparedness now being used the railways are vital necessities in the general welfare of the country, in peace as well as in war.

## LIGHTNING STRIKES IN SOUTH NEWFANE

Ralph Thayer Thrown Into Yard—Mrs. Thayer Falls Through Floor—  
Damage in Various Places.

(Special to The Reformer.)

SOUTH NEWFANE, May 9.—The lightning during the shower last evening about 9 o'clock played a number of pranks at the homes on the Marlboro Branch road. At Charles E. Ingram's house the telephone was burned out. At Wallace A. Johnson's the telephone was put out of commission and a brush near the wires was set on fire, the wall paper was scorched, also the door casings on either side, which had been painted recently.

At Ralph Thayer's house the windows were badly broken, 17 panes of glass being smashed. The new cream separator which had just been put in was damaged. Mr. and Mrs. Thayer were standing in the shed near the door and Mr. Thayer was thrown out into the yard. The flooring board on which Mrs. Thayer stood tilted, letting her through the floor. The telephone wires between Mr. Thayer's house and Will Herdick's were melted or cut into small pieces, which lay on the ground.

On account of the lines being out of order it was impossible to hear from the places farther away.

## PUTTING ISLAND PARK IN READINESS

Infield in Good Condition, But There Is Sand in Left and Deep Center Fields—Cutting Grass.

The first steps towards preparing Island park for the games of the Brattleboro league have been to cut the grass on the infield. The infield is in excellent condition, and if it could be rolled with a very heavy roller it would be in the best condition in recent years. There is considerable sand in left and deep center fields, which will make it hard footing for outfielders unless it is reduced in depth, but even with this condition the close proximity of the grounds to the business section should result in a larger attendance at the games this season than last.

An agreement is to be drawn up between the owners of Island park and the officers of the league, and when this has been approved the rest of the business will be up to the members of the teams.

### CARRANZA APPROVES.

Satisfied with Protocol Arranged by Gens. Scott and Obregon.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—Special Agent Rodgers at Mexico City telegraphed the state department today that Gen. Carranza had indicated his approval of the tentative border protocol which has practically been concluded by Gens. Scott and Obregon.

## HOT FIRE FOR BANK EXAMINER

### Mr. Kelleher Subjected to a Severe Cross Examination by Atty. Fitts

### DR. SHAILER LAWTON A WITNESS TODAY

Said as Director He Was Ignorant of the Real Condition of the Bank as Reported by Mr. Kelleher—Other Directors to Testify.

(Special to The Reformer.)

BURLINGTON, May 9.—Further cross-examination today of J. H. Kelleher of Montpelier, national bank examiner, in the Averill bank case today by C. C. Fitts, the defendant's attorney, failed in an attempt to secure from the witness an admission that he had designs upon the presidency of the Vermont National bank to succeed George C. Averill.

The witness said that Mr. Averill's resignation was demanded by the controller of the currency upon statements made in the examiner's report of the bank's condition.

Dr. Shailer Lawton, director, testified later in the day as to his ignorance of the real condition, as reported by Mr. Kelleher. Other directors will appear upon the stand during the afternoon.

James H. Kelleher of Montpelier, national bank examiner, had a bad two hours yesterday afternoon when he was undergoing a rapid fire cross-examination at the hands of Charles C. Fitts, attorney for the defense. Mr. Fitts as Kelleher wriggled in the witness chair and hemmed and hawed to a considerable degree under the rapid fire questions hurled at him in quick succession by the attorney for the defense. They came so fast that the veteran court reporter, Jack Mimms, called a halt several times so that he might catch up.

When court adjourned on Saturday it was left by order of Judge Hand that Mr. Kelleher must bring in his report of the condition of the Vermont National bank to the controller in July, 1914. Kelleher claimed that this report was confidential and couldn't be used in the case. Judge Hand thought otherwise, however, and the report was on hand when court came in yesterday afternoon.

The defense in asking for this sought to show by its contents a favorable report on the bank's condition on the day examined and that many entries such as had been made on the books on his later visit had been made in 1914 and indeed had been the custom for several years, proving in the mind of the defense that if the bank was all right on the earlier date and the methods of bookkeeping used by Mr. Averill were all right then, there was no reason in the conduct of the trial, showed that Mr. Kelleher reported the condition of the bank to be all right in July, 1914.

Mr. Fitts examined the witness minutely in regard to certain entries on the books of sums charged to Concord Bank and credited to Shawmut banks, the figures being reversed a day or two later. These sums reached into the thousands. Witness said he didn't see these figures on the books when he examined as he didn't look for them. He took the figures at the close of business on the day before he examined the books.

Mr. Fitts drew from Mr. Kelleher the admission that the resources of the Vermont National bank on March 30, 1915, at the time of the last examination were more than \$2,000,000. Witness admitted he did not know of a single day named in the indictment against Mr. Averill when the bank was less strong than the above sum.

Mr. Fitts questioned the witness as to the conversation he had with Mr. Averill on the day of the last examination and when the examiner said he found the alleged false statement on the books of the bank. Witness said he asked Mr. Averill about certain transactions and about certain cash items in the footings of the day's accounts. In explanation the witness stated that Averill told him that the transfers had been made to make the bank reserve appear greater than it really was. That the cashier's checks belonged to him for money which the bank owed him for commissions on business secured, etc. Four of these checks were unsigned, one was drawn to the order of Mr. Averill and one to the Vermont National, trustee.

Counsel for defense brought out in the cross-examination that there were unsigned cashier's checks in the Vermont National as early as 1903 which were still outstanding when the last examination of the bank was made by Mr. Kelleher. These unsigned cashier's checks had been reconciled from year to year by all the bank examiners. Mr. Fitts also brought out in the cross-examination that in all but one or two periods mentioned in the indictment the bank's reserve was a little more than the legal requirement (15 per cent of the total deposits), even without the checks which it is alleged Mr. Averill used in bolstering up his reserve by a system of charging and crediting separate banks.

An adding machine is now being used in computing various items of evidence submitted and in the cross-examination of the witnesses.

The prosecution says that evidence is nearly all in with the exception of that of several members of the board of directors who are expected to testify at the close of Mr. Kelleher's "song and dance."

Mr. Fitts hasn't many witnesses for the defense, so the jury should get the case by Thursday or Friday.

## ST. JOHN BERCHAM'S SANCTUARY SOCIETY

Altar Boys of St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church Presented Badges and Manuals by Pastor.

An impressive ceremony took place Sunday evening in St. Michael's Roman Catholic church, when Rev. J. P. Rand formed his altar boys into a St. John Bercham's Sanctuary society.

At 7:30 about 50 altar boys, bearing lighted candles, marched from the vestry around the church, while the choir sang appropriate hymns prepared for the occasion. The boys then knelt at the altar rail and in clear, distinct voices made their act of consecration, pledging themselves to loyalty to the church, to the Blessed Mother, and to Jesus crucified. Rev. Father Rand then presented the badges and manuals of the society, after which the members of the newly formed society were admitted into the sacred precincts of the sanctuary. Rev. Father Rand then reminded the boys of the great dignity conferred on a sanctuary boy in so much as he is selected from among all his companions as a special server of the King of Kings, to wait upon Him in His very sanctuary. He sketched the life of their holy patron, St. John Bercham, reminding them of their new obligation to follow the example of St. John's faithfulness to every duty and his great love of God. He then spoke in high praise of his sanctuary boys, thanking them for their past faithfulness and promptness in serving at the altar and congratulating them on the excellent showing they had made.

After the address benediction of the blessed sacrament was given, ending by "Holy God."

Mass for the St. John Bercham Sanctuary society will be offered by Rev. Father Rand at 7 o'clock tomorrow morning.

### JUDGE HASTINGS

#### NOT CANDIDATE

Does Not Wish Re-election as Assistant Judge—Judge Pier Will Be Candidate for Re-election.

Judge E. L. Hastings of Townshend, one of the assistant judges of the Windham county court, has notified The Reformer that he will not be a candidate for re-election to that office. Up to this time there had been nothing to indicate that Judge Hastings would not desire re-election, so no other candidate has appeared, but doubtless somebody will enter the field soon.

Under the new primary law, however, if a man wants to get his name on the primary ballot as a candidate for nomination for any office the candidate or someone else must produce a large number of petitions asking that the candidate's name be printed on the ballot. The number of petitions for a candidate for any office shall be equal to two per cent of the number of votes cast for that office at the last election. In the case of an assistant judge they shall be filed with the county clerk, after being sworn to, and in this county the requisite number is 168. It is not sufficient to have the names of 168 voters on one petition, but each of the 168 must sign a separate petition.

Judge Hastings has been assistant judge six years and has rendered efficient and conscientious service.

Judge F. B. Pier of Brattleboro, as assistant judge from the south district, who has served with ability in both districts, notifies The Reformer that he will be a candidate for re-election.

## PAVING CONTRACT AWARDED TO PERRY

Work on Flat Street to Be Begun as Soon as Possible—Telephone Wires to Be Under Ground.

The contract for paving Flat street from Main street to the west end of the building on the south side of the street owned by W. K. Sparks was signed yesterday between the selectmen of the town and David T. Perry, county road commissioner. The selectmen said this morning that at Mr. Perry's request they would not make public at present the contract price, but that it was the lower of two bids received, which were opened Saturday evening.

The contract requires that the highway shall be paved with granite blocks, grouted with cement, and that the contractor shall provide for the surface drainage and lay the cement sidewalks and curbing. On the south side of the street the sidewalk is to be six feet in width and on the north side five feet and five inches. One the north side the walk will be extended to the property of the DeWitt Grocery Co.

Mr. Perry said this morning that he should begin work as soon as the necessary materials could be gotten together and he could secure the men, the latter being a big problem at present.

The telephone company will dig a trench and lay three conduits under the street, putting all their wires on that street underground, and will do that work in advance of the paving work. Like the contractor, the telephone company finds it hard to secure men for that class of work.

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## MRS. BROWN IS AWARDED \$465

### Jury Finds Her Father-in-law Owes for Work in His Home

### RYDER'S SUIT FOR \$15,000 ON TRIAL

Seeks Damages from Vermont Last Block Co. for Injuries—Plaintiff Cross-Examined This Morning—Medical Testimony This Afternoon.

The jury that heard the case of Eva L. Brown of Marlboro against her father-in-law, Albert G. Brown of that town, for pay at the rate of \$2.50 a week for services rendered him for a period of between nine and 10 years, returned a verdict yesterday afternoon for \$464.75 after being out about an hour.

She testified that she had an agreement with her father-in-law by which she was to help with the housework in his part of the double house in which she lived with her husband, Ernest Brown, and that her father-in-law was to pay her a reasonable amount for her work. This, she said, had never been paid her and she considered that \$2.50 a week for such time as she worked for him, was reasonable pay. A divorce suit she has brought is on the calendar for this term of court.

The case now in hearing is that of Affra H. Ryder of Brattleboro against the Vermont Last Block Co., also of Brattleboro. He seeks to recover \$15,000 for injuries received while in the employ of the company Feb. 4, 1914.

The plaintiff was on the stand all of yesterday afternoon and was under cross-examination about two hours this morning. He claims that he was passing a conveyor which was in defective condition and that a heavy block of wood fell off and hit him on the head, causing injuries from which he has never fully recovered.

He was under the care for some time of Dr. E. R. Lynch and later went to Springfield, where he was operated upon by Dr. Walter Weiser. A part of his skull was removed and an abscess found on the inner plate of the skull which pressed against his brain.

The abscess was removed and the part of the skull which had been removed was replaced and wired into position with silver. Before the operation the plaintiff had suffered severe pains and frequent bleeding at the nose, and while he was relieved in a measure by the operation he had not been able to do any work since the accident.

It was expected this noon that some of the medical testimony would be taken this afternoon. The case will occupy at least another day. H. B. Chase and F. E. Barber are for the plaintiff and Gleason & Wilcox of Montpelier for the defendant company.

## HOUSE AND THEATRE BOUGHT BY PROCTOR

Property in Schenectady Sold on Foreclosure—Equity Goes to Hooker, Corser & Mitchell Co.

A Schenectady, N. Y., newspaper of recent date contained the following: "The Christ church property in State street, facing Crescent park, was sold under mortgage foreclosure proceedings this morning in the action of the Citizens Trust company against Frank A. Eels, Charles D. Whitaker, Grace A. Whitaker, Herbert G. Barber and Frank E. Barber and Hooker, Corser & Mitchell company. The property which has a frontage of 77 feet on State street, is 135 feet deep and has a width of 39 feet in the rear. A frame dwelling and the Kenilworth theatre, now used as Republican headquarters, occupy the front portion facing State street. The property was sold by Attorney John H. Parker as referee to W. H. Proctor of Brattleboro, Vt., for \$19,000. The property is mortgaged for \$15,000 and taxes and other indebtedness bring the incumbrances to about \$17,000."

The property included in this sale was owned by Charles D. Whitaker and was worth considerably more than the amount of the incumbrances. It was bought by Mr. Proctor for the Hooker, Corser & Mitchell company in order to save to the company the equity in the property in its efforts to recover from Mr. Whitaker and his partners in the now defunct Mohawk Overall company the judgment of the court in its suit against the Mohawk company.

### THE WEATHER.

Fair Tonight—Cooler—Possibly Light Frosts in Interior.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—The weather forecast: Fair tonight. Cooler except in extreme eastern Maine. Possibly light frosts in interior. Wednesday fair. Moderate west and southwest winds.

Engineers have proposed to dam the Niagara river near its outlet to produce 2,000,000-horsepower in addition to that now derived from the falls.

Mrs. M. C. Kingessmith of Philadelphia has completed translation into modern English of an English law book written in 1470.